



# Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 February 2024

## LUNCHEON MEETING

2nd Tuesday of the month  
Executive Board meeting 9:30 A.M.  
Social Hour: 10.45—Luncheon: 11:30  
Carmichael Elks Lodge

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**February 13**

[www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)

### Lunch Menu:

Tacos, and Beans etc.,etc.

**Bar will be open**

### BIG SIR COMMENTS:

#### Cal Conley

Hello SIRS

I hope you are enjoying the winter days and nights.

The first luncheon of 2024 was met with a half hour delay. SIRS did meet the new chef who promised us great meals. During the delay we were entertained by Vic Mershon and Jim Stephenson reciting jokes. There were 57 members present. I hope the attendance will improve next meeting. Thanks to all who purchased drinks from the bar. We met the \$175.00 minimum.

During the luncheon the Country Club Airs announced that the group is now the Singing, Swinging SIRS. Their performance was great as usual.

SIRS 102 has a new member. His name is Larry Stover. Larry was sponsored by Jack Gilmore. Unfortunately Larry had to leave early, so he was unable to give a short presentation about himself.

When SIRS Branch 33 merged with 102 that allowed Branch 102 to have three more activities. The activities offered by Branch 102 are: Golf, Travel, Book Exchange, Poker, Breakfast Club and Hiking. If any SIR desires to start a new activity I will be willing to assist you in that endeavor. At the February meeting there will be a sign in sheet for anyone who would like to play Poker.

Up to January 11<sup>th</sup> this branch needed to have someone volunteer for the position of Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Jim Lasiter who has been the secretary for years resigned last year. Fred Campbell-Craven has graciously announced he would step up and serve in the position. Thank you Fred. Fred will be sworn in at the February BEC Meeting. It would be great if someone would volunteer to be the Assistant Secretary.

Unfortunately due to time constraints the speaker (Fred Chapman) for the month had to be cancelled. He has been rescheduled for the month of February.

There is thirty two members who have not paid their dues.

The following SIRS were winners in the monthly drawing: Art Lopez, Sam Fast, Jim Fell, Michael Egstad, Joe Wulf, Wayne Ramirez and Gabe Reddig.

Something to think about: Accept certain inalienable truths: Prices will rise. Politicians will philander. You, too, will get old. And when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young, prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders. Mary Schmich, Columnist

Be Safe and have a great month.

**Cal Conley**  
**Big SIR**



### LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

#### Gary Adams

I wish I had something really interesting to tell you this month, but nothing comes to mind. Of course, Fred Chapman will be our speaker for February since we ran out of time for him last month and Joe Wulf will be our speaker in March. I'm always looking for speakers, so if you know someone, including you, let me know. Believe it or not, we all want to hear about interesting things that people have endured or achieved, or even suffered in their life. I know, that out of 150 members, there are many stories to be told. Fred and Joe have volunteered to come forward to tell us about their experiences, so let me know if you have something to share with us in the future. I'm planning on talking about Amblyopia sometime in the future and parabolic microwave antennas, something I know several other members have experience as well. In addition to our own members, the State Sir website now has a list of speakers from all the Branches. So we should be in good shape for the year and beyond. I know everyone of us has something of interest to tell us.

Getting old is not a pleasant experience. I've lost quite a few friends since I joined SIRS, friends who I knew before and others who I met after joining Branch 102/33. But it has been a blessing for me to meet new friends and enjoy getting old with them. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate going to the meetings, playing golf, and the Christmas Party which was absolutely great this year. It's not for everyone, but don't hesitate to ask your friends, relatives, neighbors, and anyone else to come to one of our meetings to enjoy our lunch and other activities that we have.

I can't end my comments without asking those of you who have not considered becoming one of our volunteers, to step up. It's fun and it's actually very rewarding to meet and be involved in the Branch Executive Committee Meetings and getting to know what's happening behind the scenes, so to speak. Have a wonderful life.

**Gary Adams,**  
**Little SIR**

## SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report

Month of January, 2024 to 01/23/23

**BEGINNING FUNDS** **\$13,319.23**

### **General Accounts:**

Bank Dividends	\$0.75
2024 Dues (3 total; 2 through Golf and 1 Direct)	\$210.00
2024 State SIR 1st Qtr. Assessment	(\$242.00)
Constant Contact - Hosting (Not Yet Paid \$23.00)	\$0.00
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$31.25)</b>

### **Custodial Accounts:**

2024 Christmas Party Deposit (Gabe Reddig)	(\$300.00)
2023 Christmas Party Volunteer Expenses (Dan Johnson))	(\$105.95)
Luncheon Receipts 01/09/24	\$1,670.00
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 01/09/24	(\$1,452.00)
Luncheon Raffle/Wine 01/09/24 (Not Yet Paid \$39.89)	\$0.00
Luncheon Bar 01/09/24; (to meet \$175 Minimum)	\$0.00
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$187.95)</b>

**ENDING FUNDS:** **\$13,100.03**

**Active Membership is 132. PAID including free Branch 33 Transfers = 104.**

**UNPAID = 28**

**Next Luncheon is Tuesday, February 13, 2024; Cost is \$ 25.00 for Eating; \$ 5.00 for Attending but not eating.**

**2024 SIR Club dues are (\$30.00); DUES ARE WAIVED FOR FORMER BR. 33 MEMBERS**

**Yearly Dues for 2024 SIR club members are \$30. Dues will be collected at the February 13, 2023 luncheon. The Golf club is no longer accepting payment for SIR Club dues. If you will not be attending the next luncheon, please mail the SIR 2023 membership fee to:**

**John Slingerland  
1100 El Sur Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864**

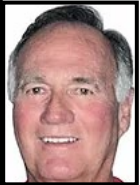
**If you do not plan to renew you're your membership, please let me know by email at johnpslingerland@gmail.com or phone at 916-532-0595.**



# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

## February 2024

web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)



### GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye

Hi Members,

Well, we've had some wet rounds of golf of late and lugging our clubs on fairways due to cart path only restrictions has been challenging. Even though February is traditionally a wet month we usually get a week or so of nice weather so maybe we can begin to remove some winter rust from our bodies.

As the year begins please keep in mind that our golf club and Branch Executive Committee can use volunteers to help out. Please consider as it can be a gratifying experience.

Hope to see you at the February 13th luncheon.

*Jeff*



### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Jim Stephenson

Hello Golfers

Here's a little trivia for you. What hasn't happened since 1996? And won't happen again until 2052? I'll give you a second to think about it...1996 was the last time and it won't happen again until 2052, that there are 5 Thursdays in the month of February.

By the time of our luncheon on February 13, we will already have played Mather and Diamond Oaks. At the luncheon I'll have a signup sheet (and cancelation sheet for that matter) for the remaining February events at Empire Ranch, Ancil Hoffman (an ABCD Scramble), and Bing Maloney. Maybe the February weather will be more golf weather than it was when I wrote this article!

See you then.

PS: Look for the March Signup Sheet the week before the February Luncheon

*Jim Stephenson, Sir 102 TD"*

*Happy Birthday*



*February*

Jim Dillon	92	Bob Keith	81	Tom Hennessy	79	Cal Conley	76	Manuel Castaneda	68
Don Sparks	84	Bob Baker	80	Bob Hayes	78	Andy Kingsbury	70	Ralph Torres	68



## **MEMBERSHIP: Ramon Murillo**

Greetings,

Membership is at 133

Please join me in welcoming Larry Stover to the Branch. Larry has been enjoying some golf with the group already.

No losses to report this past month.

As always, we encourage you to bring new members to further our fellowship.

*Ramon Murillo*



## **SUNSHINE REPORT: Gary Bohn**

As your Sunshine person I will try to report on our SIR 102 Members that have been in or out of the hospital or are experiencing an illness. I will also report on a member's wife or significant other. I may also report on a member that has passed away and this may include those that may have left the branch but were long time members. I will also report on a member of the branch that lost a loved one.

I learned of Ed Schroeder's death at the January 9, 2024 BEC meeting. I have sent a card of condolences to his wife and family. Ed joined the SIR's organization in September 2000. He was a past big SIR in branch 33, was a Golf Chairman and treasurer for about 12 to 15 years in Branch 33. Ed retired from the USAF as a Lt. Col. He married the love of his in 1956 at the Mather AFB Chapel. His OBITs were posted on the Sacramento Bee on Sunday January, 7, 2024. Ed passed away on November 10, 2023.

George Wheeler's (SIR 102 News Letter Chairman) wife Fell and Broke her hip. Sent get well card to her hoping for a speeding recovery.

Received information that Val Kobza will have Colon Cancer Surgery the month of January. Sent a get-well card hoping for his speedy recovery.

At our January 9 2024 meeting got word that Gunner Haug is going in for Knee replacement surgery. Sent get well card hoping for his speedy recovery.

5. If anyone from the former branch 33 has any information about their members that are now members of SIR 102, please let me know so I can report this in our newsletter.

That is all I have right now so if anyone knows of some one that has a medical problem. You can call me at (916) 722-4446 or email at [garybohn1@comcast.net](mailto:garybohn1@comcast.net)



## **Golf Travel Chairman, Don Wagner**

### **ROLLING HILLS GOLF TRIP**

**APRIL 29-30**

***Our First SIR 102 Overnight Golf Trip this year! Mark your calendars*** to return or join us for the first time at this challenging golf course located right on Highway 5 (Corning). The flier will be coming out soon. Two rounds of golf with an overnight at a newly remodeled Casino/Hotel. Price will include all payouts including a minimum of 4 winners on every Par 3 each day (5 of them) plus team payouts.

You're on your own for dinner but on on last trip in Oct, everyone met at the ROCK & BREW for a drink, dinner and discussing how 4 guys all missed a 5' downhill putt.....

It's a challenging course even as a scramble each day with different guys. We been to Rolling Hills many times for a variety of good reasons. Ask around because most of us have taken this trip before. Remember you can invite friends and neighbors to join us.

Signups will occur at our March 9th general meeting with the final signup at our April 9th general meeting.

*Don Wagner*

**SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR**.....Cal Conley  
**LITTLE SIR** ..... Gary Adams  
**SECRETARY**.....Jim Lasiter  
**ASST. SECRETARY**... Tom Hennessy  
**TREASURER**.....John Slingerland  
**ASST. TREASURER**.....Eloy Herrera

**DIRECTORS**

**Dallas Ito** (2025)  
**Cal Conley** (2026)  
**Gabe Reddig** (2026)  
**Jim Morgan** (2024)  
**Niles Christopherson** (2024)  
**Jack Gilmore** (2024)  
**Don Wagner** (State HLM)  
**Gary Bohn** (HLM)  
**Jeff Dye** (HLM)  
**Bob Fitzgerald** (HLM)  
**Vic Mershon** (HLM)

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Dale Decker  
Area 4 Representative Jack Reefer  
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

**BRANCH DISTINGUISHED**

**SERVICE AWARD**

Jack Gilmore  
Vic Mershon

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**AUDITOR** Don Lewis  
**ATTENDANCE** Ramon Murillo  
**ACTIVITIES** Norm Steinbach  
**BOOK EXCHANGE** Tom McKinley  
**CHAPLAIN** Vic Mershon  
**GOLF** Jeff Dye  
**MEMBERSHIP** Ramon Murillo  
**NEWSLETTER** George Wheeler  
**SUNSHINE** Gary Bohn  
**TRAVEL** Bill Maffei  
**WEBMASTER** Gary & Steve Adams  
**BOWLING** VACANT  
**CONUTRY CLUB AIRES DIR.** Robert DuPlantier  
**RAMP Recruitment** VACANT  
**RAMP Activities** Norm Steinbach  
**RAMP Membership** Ramon Murillo  
**RAMP Publicity** John Owens

**HONARARY LIFE MEMBERS**

As Of

Donald (Don) A. Wagner 2/23/2012 9.7 yrs  
Gary Bohn 12/9/2014 7.2 yrs  
Jeffrey Dye 8/9/2022  
Bob Fitzgerald 11/11/2019 4.0yrs

**SENIOR SIR**

Senior SIR Pete McDonough

**PAST 102 BIG SIR**

Gordon Nielson 1983 Bill Drake, 2007  
Pete Tapella 1984 Speedy Sheetz 2007  
Roy Bostic 1985 Joe Virga 2008  
Don Johnson 1986 Mickey Wagner 2009  
Paul Siglin 1987 Bob Lamora 2010  
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988 Jim Johnson 2011  
Ray Nyman 1989 Dick Larsen 2011  
Don Gaylord 1990 Jim Reese 2012  
Les Jones 1991 Gary Bohn 2013  
Don Gaylord 1992 Don Whalen 2014  
Rock Sorgman 1993 Dick Coleman 2015  
Bill Spencer 1994 Jeff Dye 2015- 2016  
Tom Warburton 1995 Norm Steinbach 2017  
Don Neudeck 1996 Cliff Jones 2018  
Don Gayner 1997 Larry Dezonias 2019  
Don Wiles 1998 Mike Lorton 2020  
Tom Eyman 1999 Dan Maglionico 2020/21  
Bob Simowski 2000 Gary Adams 2022  
Stan Spalding 2001 Gabe Reddig 2023  
Chuck Shoemaker 2002 Cal Conley 2024  
Lloyd Browning 2003  
Bob Baker 2004  
Don Wagner 2005  
Frank Mason 2006

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